103. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) was a petition presented to the Diwan while camping at Vadakkancheri in Kumbham 1101 by the inhabitants of Enkakkad Village praying for the opening of a road connecting Vadakkancheri with Enkakkad ;

(b) was there any previous petition concerning the same;

(c) has anything been done in the matter up-to-date ;

(d) if the answer to (c) be in the negative, why this long delay in such an important matter as this ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 102.

Experimental Anchal Offices.

104. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table:—

(a) a statement showing the location of experimental Anchal Offices started in the State in the year 1103 ;

(b) the income derived from each ;

(c) expenditure incurred for each ;

(d) whether any, and if so, which of them have since been abolished ;

(e) the distance of each from the nearest permanent Anchal Office ;

(f) whether there is daily Anchal service in the area covered by such Anchal Offices ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Only one Anchal Office of such a nature and that in the Revenue Village of Kumbalam.

(b) Rs. 265—9—0.

(c) Rs. 216—8—0.

(d) The office in question has not been abolished.

(e) Six miles from the nearest Anchal Office which is at Ernakulam.

(f) Yes.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Is there any rule restricting the number of experimental Anchal Offices to be started ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Are these experiments undertaken at the Government's own initiative or on the application from the people ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Generally on the application of the people and the recommendation of the Head of the Department.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—How many applications were received ?

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Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I want notice.

Subordinates of the Anchal Department.

105. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a caste-war statement of the subordinates of the Anchal Department, namely, of the Anchal Masters, Clerks, Peons, Anchalmen and Runners respectively?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Please see statement appended (*Appendix III*).

Velur Road.

106. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

1. how long is it since the Velur road (No. 34) has been opened ;

2. what is the total amount spent on it since its opening for maintenance and repair ;

3. is the Government aware of the fact that there is great cart traffic along the road during the arecanut season, i. e., from Edavam to Thulam, for taking large quantities of arecanuts produced in that part of the Talappalli Taluk to the great arecanut market at Vadakkancheri ;

4. has any responsible officer of the Engineering Department actually witnessed the miserable condition of this important road in the above months ;

5. was the question of metalling this road ever considered by the Government ;

6. if so, why is it that there is such extraordinary delay in the matter ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—1. About 30 years.

2. Rs. 1,400 annually.

3. Yes.

4. The P. W. D. officers are frequently inspecting the road. Its condition has not been miserable but fair. There has been steady improvement of late.

5. The surface of the road is repaired with laterite metal wherever necessary. There is no necessity for metalling this road with granite.

6. Vide answer to sub-division (5).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—My question is, during these months, which, I say, are the months when there will be very large cart traffic along this road, that is, the months between Edavam and Thulam, in which there is arecanut to be carried to the Ottupara market, whether in these months any responsible officer of the Engineering Department has witnessed

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